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SUBJECT: COMMENDATION COLONEL FASSETT

REF: BAMAKO 2754

WITH THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE MALI AIRLIFT, I SHOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO COLONEL FASSETT AND THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF OPERATION KING GRAIN FOR A HIGHLY DIFFICULT MISSION EXTREMELY WELL DONE. IN THE FACE OF THE MOST RIGOROUS CONDITIONS, THE MISSION WAS CARRIED OUT WITH EFFICIENCY AND DISPATCH, AND THE CONDUCT OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE JOINT TASK FORCE HAS BEEN EXEMPLARY. THE PERSONNEL OF KING GRAIN CAN AND SHOULD BE PROUD OF THE FACT THAT THROUGH THEIR EFFORTS THE MOST SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF THE DROUGHT IN MALI HAVE BEEN AVOIDED, AND MANY LIVES HAVE BEEN SAVED. NOT ONLY HAS OPERATION KING GRAIN BEEN A HUMANITARIAN GESTURE OF THE HIGHEST MAGNITUDE, BUT THE MANNER IN WHICH IT WAS CONDUCTED HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES. IN EVERY WAY, OPERATION KING GRAIN, UNDER THE COMMAND OF COLONEL FASSETT, REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT ON ALL MEMBERS OF THE JOINT TASK FORCE, THE UNITED STATES MILITARY, AND THE

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I SHOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY

PERSONAL COMMENDATION TO COLONEL FASSETT, AND THE  
OFFICERS AND MEN OF OPERATION KING GRAIN FOR AN  
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE.  
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